

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 N Main Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Brad Berkemeier, and Phil King answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: McGowan moved to approve the August 17, 2021 minutes as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Munson reported that we have received an EMS hardship case. He is working on it and will have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Park – Director Burklow asked the Board to accept the resignation of Andrew Rice effective September 21st. Cameron made a motion to accept the resignation of Andrew Rice. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street – Assistant Superintendent Land reported that they have started on the sidewalk on Conrad Harcourt Way. They will be trimming trees that are obstructing driver's vision.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

CITY DRAINAGE BOARD:

1. **North Washington Street Drainage Review** – We have received comments back from Berkemeier. Tesco has also responded. Cameron has reviewed the comments. He said he did not see a problem and made a motion to approve the plan. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Personnel Policy – Handbook** – The committee met on Friday for our 3rd meeting. We have worked through chapter 4. The goal is to have it completed by the end of the year.

2. Police Department

- a. **Hire Update** – Chief Tucker said they received paperwork from Perf indicating that our prospective employee is not fit for employment at this time. Tucker said he will hold off hiring until the first of the year.
- b. **Short-term Disability #2021-3** - This case is closed. The employee is back to work with no restrictions.
- c. **Short-term Disability #2021-4** - This employee is home recovering. There will be a follow up this week with the doctor. The 30 days does not expire until October 4.

3. **Sale of Willow Street Property – SW Corner of 12th & Willow** – We have begun the process to sell.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **Monthly Project Claims:** Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - a. Cherry Street - \$32,393.00
 - b. CCMG - \$4,399.15
 - c. Hunt Road - \$11,401.00
 - d. Boulders - \$72,158.14
 - e. Bike & Pedestrian Trail - \$9,577.50
 - f. Sign & Post Replacement - \$6,398.64
- 2. **Fire/Rescue Department**
 - a. **Swearing in Jacob Hempstead**
 - b. **Resignation** – Chief Munson presented the resignation of Jim Wolfe effective September 18th. Wolfe asked to stay on as part-time medic. Cameron moved to accept the resignation of Jim Wolfe. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. **Animal Control Kennel Gate Pricing** – Berkemeier moved to approve the pricing from Indiana Wire Products in the amount of \$17,932.00 for the kennel gates. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. **Board Resignation** – Mayor Pavey announced the resignation of Board Member, Darrin McGowan. He said he and McGowan have served together for 21 years. Pavey said McGowan has given an unbelievable amount of service to the City. Pavey said this is bittersweet. McGowan's effective date is September 10th. McGowan said he appreciates working with everyone, but feels it is time for someone else to step in. He said everyone has been great to work with.

COVID-19 UPDATE: None.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was nothing further to come before the Board; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

